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CONVENED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT TRENTON,
ON TUESDAY THE TWENTY-SEVENTH
DAY OF OCTOBER, M,DCC,XCV.

BEING THE FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION.

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<i>Middlesex,</i>		Ephraim Martin,	
<i>Mormouth,</i>		Elisba Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	
<i>Somerset,</i>		James Linn,	
<i>Burlington,</i>		John Black,	
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Joseph Cooper,	
<i>Salem,</i>		Thomas Sinnickson,	
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Matthew Whillden,	
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		John Lambert,	
<i>Morris,</i>		Ellis Cook,	
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Eli Elmer,	
<i>Suffex,</i>		Charles Beardlee,	

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<i>Bergen,</i>	} Esquires.	Adam Boyd,
		John Haring,
		Benjamin Blacklidge,
<i>Effex,</i>		Elias Dayton,
		Jonas Wade,
		James Hedden,
<i>Middlesex,</i>		Peter Vredenburg,
		Benjamin Manning,
		James Morgan,
<i>Monmouth,</i>		Joseph Stillwell,
		Elisba Walton,
		James H. Imlay,
<i>Somerset,</i>		Henry Southard,
		Peter D. Vroom,
		Robert Stockton,
<i>Burlington,</i>		Samuel Hough,
		George Anderson,
		Stacy Biddle,
<i>Gloucester,</i>		Abel Clement,
		Samuel French,
		Thomas Somers,
<i>Salem,</i>		John Sinnickson,
		Eleazer Mayhew,
		William Wallace,
<i>Cape-May,</i>		Richard Townsend,
		Eleazer Hand,
		Reuben Townsend,
<i>Hunterdon,</i>		David Frazer,
		Simon Wyckoff,
		Benjamin Van Cleve,
<i>Morris,</i>		John Starke,
		David Thomson,
		John Debow,
<i>Cumberland,</i>		Ebenezer Elmer, <i>Speaker,</i>
		Benjamin Peek,
		Ebenezer Seeley,
<i>Suffex,</i>		William McCullough,
		Peter Sharps,
		George Armstrong,

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Tuesday, October 27, 1795.

M E M B E R S P R E S E N T.

T H E H O N O U R A B L E

ELISHA LAWRENCE,
JAMES LINN,
JOHN BLACK,
EPHRAIM MARTIN,

JOHN LAMBERT,
ELLIS COOK,
CHARLES BEARDSLEE,
PETER HARING.

PETER HARING, Ephraim Martin, James Linn, John Lambert, Ellis Cook and Charles Beardslee, esquires, severally produced certificates of their being duly elected members of this house, which were read and approved; and they thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before Elisha Lawrence, esquire, one of the members returned for this house, and took their seats in Council.

Elisha Lawrence, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved; and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before James Linn, esquire, and took his seat in Council.

John Black, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved; and he thereupon took and subscribed the affirmations required by law before Elisha Lawrence, esquire, and took his seat in Council.

The honourable Elisha Lawrence, esquire, was elected vice-president of the Council, pursuant to the constitution, and he thereupon took the oath of office and was seated in the chair.

Thomas Adams, was unanimously elected clerk of the Council, and took the oath of office accordingly.

John West was appointed door-keeper.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that a sufficient number of members of this house have met, elected the honourable Elisha Lawrence, esquire, vice-president, and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, October 28, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Haring reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Anderson, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that a quorum of the House of Assembly had met, elected the honourable Ebenezer Elmer, esquire, their speaker, and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Thomas Sinnickson, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Sinnickson having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day, *Resolved*, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Armstrong, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Manning, Biddle and Wallace, or any two of them, a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of examining and burning the cancelled money now in the treasury, and requested that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sinnickson and Cook, or either of them, be a committee to join the said committee for the foregoing purpose; and that Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, October 29, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Sinnickson.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Joseph Cooper, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the affirmations required by law before the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Cooper having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day,
Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. DeVroom, Walton, Hedden, French and Hand, or any three of them, a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of the treasurer, and requested that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Messrs. Black and Lambert, or either of them, be a committee to join the said committee for the foregoing purpose ; and that Mr. Black do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, October 30, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

John Condit, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Condit having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day,
Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Blackledge, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had appointed Messrs. Anderson, Wade and Frazer, a committee, to join a committee of Council for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the prerogative-office and of the secretary's office of this state, and report thereon, and requested, that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit be a committee to join the said committee for the foregoing purpose ; and that Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Linn reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Clement, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they were ready to go into a joint-meeting, and requested Council to appoint the time and place of meeting.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint

them, that this house will be ready to go into a joint-meeting on Tuesday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Assembly Room.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Black reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Eli Elmer, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the vice-president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Elmer having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day,
Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence a warrant, entitling John Russell to draw from the treasury three dollars per month during his disability, which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, October 31, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and Messrs. Condit and Elmer.

The warrant, entitling John Russell to draw from the treasury three dollars per month during his disability, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Linn and Sinnickson to report thereon.

A bill, intituled, "An act concerning wills," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock P. M.

Monday, November 2, 1795.

The house met—Present,

The VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Harring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer.
Mr. Black,	

Mr. Condit, from the committee for the purpose of inquiring into the state

of the prerogative-office, and of the secretary's office, of this state, reported as follows :

THAT from the best information the committee have been able to obtain without visiting the said offices, a part of which is from the chief clerk, who hath been employed in said offices for several years past, we find, that the same person who hath been appointed secretary, hath also holden the prerogative-office : That there remains unregistered in the prerogative-office about four years papers, consisting generally of wills, letters of administrations and guardianships, amounting to about fourteen hundred and forty : That the business in the secretary's office is also deranged and incomplete. Your committee do think it their duty to report, that they find about three hundred and sixty-five of the above wills, letters of Administration and guardianships, which belong to the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, lodged in an unsafe situation, in Mr. Gersthom Craft's office in this town, which were, as we are informed, brought to this town by Samuel W. Stockton, esquire, while secretary, and a part of them registered in a book by his clerk, but not compared and certified ; which book also is now in Mr. Craft's office. From the above facts, your committee are of opinion, that as these papers are of great consequence to the inhabitants of the state, as many hundreds of titles for lands may be involved therein, measures ought immediately to be taken by the Legislature, to have the said papers that are in this town carefully transmitted to the secretary's office in the city of Burlington ; and that a law ought to be passed, compelling the secretaries and clerks of the prerogative-office in future to give ample security for the faithful performance of their duty in the said offices, and that some method ought to be devised by the Legislature for having all the unfinished business in the said offices completed as soon as possible.

By order of the committee,

JOHN CONDIT,
GEORGE ANDERSON.

Which report being read, was ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, November 3, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Dayton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant of half-pay in favour of Mary M'Myer, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Debow, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the following resolution ; viz.

That Thomas Adams, esquire, be authorized and directed, as early as possible, to transmit the papers that belong to the secretary and prerogative-offices, that are now in Trenton, and safely deposit the same in the proper offices in the city of Burlington ; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house withdrew to attend a joint-meeting, and after some time spent therein, the house returned.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, November 4, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

His Excellency the Governor came into Council, and took and subscribed the oaths of allegiance and office; and also, the oath to support the constitution of the United States, before the honourable the vice-president.

A bill, intituled, "An act for the suppression of insurrections," was read, and ordered a second reading.

A bill, intituled, "An act concerning fines and common recoveries," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

Matthew Whilldin, esquire, produced a certificate of his being duly elected a member of this house, which was read and approved, and he thereupon took and subscribed the oaths required by law before the president, and took his seat in Council.

Mr. Whilldin having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day,
Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the committee appointed to join the committee appointed by the House of Assembly, to count and burn the cancelled loan-office money in the treasury, reported as follows :

THE committee of both houses do hereby certify, that James Mott, treasurer, has delivered to us the sum of sixteen thousand, nine hundred and seventeen pounds, twelve shillings, loan-office money, cancelled in the several counties by their respective boards of justices and freeholders, agreeably to the above statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,
BENJAMIN MANNING.

October 31, 1795.

Which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The said report being read the second time,

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

The report of the committee for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the prerogative-office and of the secretary's office, of this state, was read a second time ;

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning wills," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, November 5, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Whilldin.

The resolution of the House of Assembly, authorising Thomas Adams, esquire, to transmit the papers that belong to the secretary and prerogative-offices, that are now in Trenton, and deposit them in the proper offices in the city of Burlington, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Condit reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The warrant in favour of Mary M'Myer, for half-pay, issued in lieu of one granted November 23d, 1789, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Sinnickson reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Frazer, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a resolution, that Gershom Craft, esquire, be employed as an engrossing clerk during the present session of the Legislature; that all bills ordered to be engrossed shall be delivered by the clerks of Council and of Assembly unto the said Gershom Craft to be carefully engrossed, and by him re-delivered in at the tables of the respective houses as soon as possible; and that the Legislature will provide for a compensation to the said Gershom Craft for his service. Also, a resolution, that the clerk of assembly be directed to furnish Matthias Day, printer, with fair and accurate copies of the laws as they pass during the present sitting of the Legislature, with marginal notes thereto, in order for publication as soon as may be after they are passed; which resolutions were respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The committee to whom was referred the warrant from the House of Assembly, granting a pension to John Russell, a soldier in Lieutenant Shadwick's company of militia, wounded in the service of the United States, reported,

THAT, in the opinion of your committee, there is no law now in force in this state which can justify the issuing any warrant to the said John Russell; and that if any provision is to be made in such case, it should be a general one, by a law for that purpose, embracing every case of the same nature, and under such limitations and restrictions as will effectually guard the state against imposition.

By order of the committee,

THOMAS SINNICKSON.

Which report was read and ordered a second reading

The resolution, appointing Gershom Craft, esquire, engrossing clerk, during the present session; and the resolution, directing the clerk of Assembly to furnish Matthias Day, printer, with fair and accurate copies of the laws as they

pass, during the present sitting of the legislature, were respectively read a second time ; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Whilldin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Whilldin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, November 6, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

The report of the committee on granting a pension to John Russell, was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. French, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, “ And act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, to dispose of the lots and parts of lots that remain undrawn in the late division of Romopock,” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from Isaac Neale, printer, in Burlington, praying that he may be appointed to print the minutes of Council and joint-meetings, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the report of the committee on granting a pension to John Russell, and, after some time spent therein,

Resolved, That this house agree thereto.

On the Question, Whether this house agree to the warrant in favour of John Russell, it was carried in the negative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, November 7, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, “ An act concerning wills,” and proceeded to read the same by sections, and after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next,

Monday, November 9, 1795.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning wills," and after going through the same, it was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hand, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "A supplemental act to an act, intituled, "An act for building bridges over the rivers Passaic and Hackinsack, and for other purposes therein mentioned," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer of the state, was presented to this house, desiring their instructions relating to the receiving of bank notes into the treasury in payment of taxes, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the owners of meadow on Salem creek, in the county of Salem, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, to dispose of the lots and parts of lots that remain undrawn in the late division of Romopock," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey, to dispose of the lots and parts of lots that remain undrawn in the late division of Romopock," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the suppression of insurrections," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the same was postponed.

Mr. Hedden, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence a bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six."

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, November 10, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Hough, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concur-

rence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Daniel Hunt, of the county of Suffex," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the owners of meadow on Salem creek, in the county of Salem, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill.

Mr. Sinnickson, on behalf of the said petitioners, with leave of the house, presented a bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of a tract of marsh and meadow, lying in the fork of Salem creek, in Mannington, in the county of Salem, to uphold and maintain the bank, sluices and water-works, and more effectually to improve the same," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplemental act to an act, intituled, "An act for building bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time by sections, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Inlay, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house an order, appointing Messrs. Van Cleve, Sharps and Hand a committee to join a committee of Council to examine and settle the accounts of the commissioners appointed to improve the post road across Rocky Hill, and requested that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purposes aforesaid, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met—Present as in the forenoon, and Mr. Cooper.

The message from the House of Assembly, appointing Messrs. Van Cleve, Sharps and Hand a committee to join a committee of Council to examine and settle the accounts of the commissioners appointed to improve the post road across Rocky Hill, and requesting that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purposes aforesaid, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper be a committee to join the said committee for the foregoing purpose ; and that Mr. Cook do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Daniel Hunt, of the county of Suffex," was read a second time, with sundry vouchers accompanying the same ;

On the question, Whether this house concur in the title of the said bill ? It was carried in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Elmer reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

On motion, and seconded,

Ordered, That the bill, intituled, "An act for the suppression of insurrections," be committed to Messrs. Sinnickson and Linn, and that they report thereon.

Mr. M'Cullough, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplemental act to an act, intituled, "An act for building bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, November 11, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Lambert.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of a tract of marsh and meadow, lying in the fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the county of Salem, to uphold and maintain the bank, sluices and waterworks, and more effectually to improve the same," was read a second time, debated and amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Manning, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal part of an act, passed the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Also, a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to raise the sum of fifteen thousand pounds for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Benajah Parvin," was read a second time, with sundry vouchers accompanying the same, and debated;

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal part of an act, passed the twelfth day of June, seventeen hundred and ninety," was read a second time and debated;

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Black.	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,
	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Elmer,
	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, November 12, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and the Vice-President.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Morgan, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant in favour of Rachel Shores, widow of Peleg Shores, granted in lieu of one the back of which was filled with indorsements, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cooper, from the committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the commissioners appointed to improve the post road across Rocky Hill, made report, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition of fundry inhabitants of the township of Pilesgrove, in the county of Salem, praying that a law may pass to enable them to repair their public highways by hire, was read, and ordered a second reading, with the bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire."

The said bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire," was read a second time, with the petitions accompanying the same; and also the petitions of fundry of the inhabitants of the township of Pilesgrove, in the county of Salem, praying for a law to enable the said township to repair their public highways by hire.

On motion of Mr. Sinnickson that the said bill be amended, by inserting the township of *Pilesgrove* therein, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition;

On the question, Whether the said bill be amended? It was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill with the amendments be read a third time.

The house adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

The house met.

The warrant in favour of Rachel Shores, widow of Peleg Shores, granted in lieu of one the back of which was filled with indorsements, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, November 13, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Linn reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act concerning wills,” was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Black do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Black reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intituled, “ A supplement to an act, intituled, “ An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire,” was read a third time, with the amendments ;

On the question, Whether the said bill, with the amendments, do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same, with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do carry the said bill, with the amendments, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The report from the committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the commissioners, appointed to improve the post road across Rocky Hill, was read a second time ;

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, November 14, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

Two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the townships of Upper and Lower Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem, praying for a law to enable them

to improve and shorten the navigation of Alloways-Creek, were read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill on the second Tuesday in the next sitting of the legislature, agreeably to the prayer of their petition, they advertising their intentions, and the purport of the bill to be presented, together with a copy of this order, in three of the most public places in each of the said townships at least three weeks previous to the time of presenting the said bill.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, November 16, 1795.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Cooper.

The engrossed bill, intituled, “ An act to enable the owners and possessors of a tract of marsh and meadow, lying in the fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the county of Salem, to uphold and maintain the bank, sluices and water-works, and more effectually to improve the same,” was read a third time, and compared ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Peck, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house the re-engrossed bill, intituled, “ A supplement to an act, intituled, “ An act to enable the inhabitants of certain towns and townships to repair their public highways by hire,” and acquainted this house, that the said bill was passed by the House of Assembly, with the amendments made thereto by this house ; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Mr. Seely, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant, in favour of Elizabeth Rue, widow of Matthias Rue, in lieu of one, granted September 29th, 1780, the back of which was filled up with indorsements, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Seely also brought to this house an order, appointing Messrs. Van Cleve,

Blackledge and Seely a committee, to join a committee of Council, for the purpose of settling the accounts of Benjamin Smith, esq. commissioner, appointed by law for building an office for the Secretary and clerk of the supreme court, and requested that this house would appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purpose aforesaid ; which was read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer be a committee to join the said committee for the foregoing purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. Whilldin do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Whilldin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Sharps, from the House of Assembly, acquainted Council, that the bill, intitled, " An act concerning wills," was passed by that house without amendment.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, November 17, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

The warrant in favour of Elizabeth Rue, widow of Matthias Rue, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, November 18, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and the vice-president.

A petition from Matthias Day, printer, praying that he may be appointed to print the journals of Council and minutes of the joint-meetings, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Black, one of the committee appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts, reported ; which report was read, and postponed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intitled, " An act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the lots and parts of lots that remain undrawn in the late division of Romopock," and after some time spent therein, was ordered a third reading.

Mr. Sinnickson, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, " An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the lots and parts of lots that remain undrawn in the late division of Romopock," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Whilldin.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Elmer,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Cooper,		

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them, that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Lambert reported that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a second time, debated, and ordered a third reading.

The letter from James Mott, esquire, treasurer of this state, desiring the instructions of this house, relating to the receiving of bank notes into the treasury in payment of taxes, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Mr. Sinnickson, with leave of the house, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to repeal an act, intitled, "An act to support the National Bank," which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow-morning.

Thursday, November 19, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

The petitions from Isaac Neale and Matthias Day, printers, were respectively read ; whereupon Matthias Day was appointed to print the journals of Council and minutes of the joint-meetings.

Mr. Somers, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence a bond, executed by James Mott, esquire, treasurer, and securities, for the faithful performance of his office, which was read ;

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intitled, "An act to repeal an act, intitled "An act to support the National Bank," was read a second time ; and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house resumed the report of the committee appointed to settle the treasurer's accounts ;

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

A bill, intituled, "An act to compel joint-tenants and tenants in common to make partition, and for the more easy obtaining partition of lands in coparcenary, joint-tenancy and tenancy in common, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Southard, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant of half-pay in favour of Elizabeth Collatta, late Tomlin, which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Starke, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the secretary's office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, November 20, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

On motion,

Ordered, That the appointment of Matthias Day, printer, yesterday, be extended during the present session.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the secretary's office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same," was read a second time by sections, and debated, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Stockton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act directing the treasurer to pay to Levy Silvers, sixty-six pounds, nineteen shillings and nine pence," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Elmer, from the committee appointed for the purpose of settling the accounts of Benjamin Smith, esquire, commissioner, appointed by law for building an office for the secretary and clerk of the supreme court, reported, that there was a balance due the said Smith, of £.177 1s. 8d. ; which report was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the secretary's office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The warrant of half-pay in favour of Elizabeth Collatta, late Tomlin, was read a second time, and referred until the next sitting of the legislature.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, November 21, 1795.

The house met—Present as before.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act to regulate the secretary’s office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same,” and, after some time spent therein, having been debated and amended, was ordered a third reading with the amendments.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The report of the committee appointed for the purpose of settling the accounts of Benjamin Smith, esquire, commissioner, appointed by law for building an office for the secretary and clerk of the supreme court, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house approve thereof.

Mr. Thompson, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, “An act to constitute and appoint trustees of the last will and codicil of Abraham Heulings, senior, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, in the room and stead of the trustees therein named,” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, “An act to regulate the secretary’s office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same,” was read a third time with the amendments;

On the question, Whether the same do pass, with the amendments? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same, with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do carry the said bill, with the amendments, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house, with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Sinnickson, with leave of the house, presented a bill, intituled, “An act for the safe keeping of the records, writs and other papers appertaining to the office of clerk of the court of common pleas and quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Salem,” which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, November 23, 1795.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Cooper,	

The bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature; whereupon,

Resolved, That Isaac Collins be directed to strike off sixty copies of the said bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and that the Legislature will provide for the defraying the expense thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do carry the said resolution to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Richard Townsend, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to Benjamin Smith, commissioner, therein named," which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Reuben Townsend, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house the re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to regulate the secretary's office and the prerogative office in this state, and for the faithful execution of the same," and acquainted this house, that the said bill was passed by the House of Assembly, with the amendments made thereto by this house; which re-engrossed bill having been read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the safe-keeping of the records, writs and other papers appertaining to the office of clerk of the court of common pleas and quarter sessions of the peace in and for the county of Salem, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Van Cleve, from the House of Assembly; brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to the commissioners therein mentioned," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to Benjamin Smith, commissioner, therein named," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house withdrew to attend a joint-meeting; after some time spent therein, the house returned.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, November 24, 1795.

The house met—Present as before (except the Governor.)

The engrossed bill, intitled, “An act for the safe-keeping of the records and other papers appertaining to the office of clerk of the county of Salem,” was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardflee do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Beardflee reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of yesterday and of this day.

The bill, intitled, “An act to constitute and appoint trustees of the last will and codicil of Abraham Heulings, senior, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, in the room and stead of the trustees therein named,” was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, intitled, “An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to Benjamin Smith, commissioner, therein named,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intitled, “An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to the commissioners therein mentioned,” was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, “An act directing the treasurer to pay to Levy Silvers, sixty-six pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence,” was read a second time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading ? It was carried in the negative.

The bill, intitled, “An act directing the treasurer to pay a certain sum of money to the commissioners therein mentioned,” was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Black,	Mr. Elmer,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Beardflee.	
Mr. Sinnickson,		

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

Mr. Dayton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for con-

currence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the support of government of the state of New-Jersey," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Elmer.	Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed until the next sitting of the legislature.

Mr. Walton, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that they had concurred in the resolution directing Isaac Collins to print sixty copies of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes."

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

Mr. Wallace, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that the bill, intituled, "An act for the safe-keeping of the records and other papers appertaining to the office of clerk of the county of Salem," was passed by that house without amendment.

Mr. Wyckoff, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize and direct an assessment on the inhabitants of the township of Shrewsbury, in the county of Monmouth, for the purposes therein mentioned," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Armstrong, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Anderson, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Arnold, late sheriff of the county of Morris," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, November 25, 1795.

The house met—Present as before, and the Governor.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Arnold, late sheriff of the county of Morris," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Biddle, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of Jacob Arnold, late sheriff of the county of Morris," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Elmer.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,	
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardlee.	

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges, was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Linn reported, that he had obeyed the respective orders of the house of this day.

The honourable Ebenezer Elmer, esquire, speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the president that the House of Assembly had gone through their business, and adjourned until the first Wednesday in February next, to meet at Trenton ; whereupon,

Council adjourned until the same day.

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SECOND SITTING OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION.

Wednesday, February 3, 1796.

The house met pursuant to adjournment—Present,

The Vice-President,

Mr. Haring,

Mr. Black,

Mr. Martin,

Mr. Lambert,

Mr. Linn,

Mr. Cook.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that a sufficient number of members of this house have met and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 4, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, and Messrs. Elmer and Beardlee.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Messrs. Elmer and Beardlee having given their reasons for non-attendance until this day,

Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

Mr. Blackledge, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that a sufficient number of members of the House of Assembly had met and proceeded to business.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Black, with leave of the house, presented a petition from the owners and occupiers of the meadows around the island of Burlington, praying leave to present a bill to enable them to drain off the water from said meadows, which was read and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Linn, with leave of the house, presented two petitions from the legatees and others interested under the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, late of the county of Somerset, deceased, praying a law to authorize certain persons therein named to sell and convey the real estate of the said deceased, and to divide the monies arising by such sale agreeably to the said will; which was read and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, February 5, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, and Messrs. Sinnickson and Whilldin.

Messrs. Sinnickson and Whilldin having given their respective reasons for non-attendance until this day,

Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cape-May, praying that a law may be passed, authorizing the chosen surveyors of said county to lay out a public landing place on the sea shore, adjoining the road at Cape-Island; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, “An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned,” (being referred from the last until this sitting) was read a second time and debated, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt,” (being postponed from the last until this sitting) and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The warrant of half-pay, in favour of Elizabeth Collatta, late Tomlin, (being referred from the last until this sitting) was taken up on the second reading, with sundry vouchers, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 6, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Condit.

Mr. Condit having given his reasons for non-attendance until this day,

Resolved, That they are satisfactory.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned,” and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

His Excellency the Governor came into Council.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, “An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned;” which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the trustees of the Woodbridge Academy, praying a lottery for uses therein mentioned, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, February 8, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whildin,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," (being referred from the last until this sitting) was read a second time, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The petition from the trustees of the Woodbridge Academy was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill, agreeably to the prayer of their said petition.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The petition from the owners and occupiers of the meadows around the island of Burlington, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their said petition.

Mr. Black, on behalf of the said petitioners, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to provide for the management of certain meadows on Burlington Creek," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from the trustees of the first reformed Dutch Church at Boonton, in the county of Morris, and a petition from the elders and deacons of the reformed Dutch congregation at the ponds in Bergen county, praying lotteries for uses therein mentioned, were respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Martin, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill, intitled, "An act to enable the trustees of the town of Woodbridge, to finish and complete their Academy by lottery," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The petitions from the legatees and others interested under the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, deceased, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their said petition.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, February 9, 1796.

The house met—Present as before (except the Governor.)

A petition from Cornelius Banta, of Bergen county, praying relief for a certain certificate, which had been mislaid in the year 1782, and lately found, with an affidavit respecting the same, were read, and ordered a second reading,

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The petition from the trustees of the first reformed Dutch church at Boonton, in the county of Morris, and the petition from the elders and deacons of the reformed Dutch congregation at the ponds, in Bergen county, were respectively read a second time, and dismissed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Clement, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships; which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The petition from a number of the inhabitants of the county of Cape-May, praying that a law may be passed, authorizing the chosen surveyors of said county to lay out a public landing place on the sea shore, adjoining the road at Cape-Island, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to present a bill agreeably to the prayer of their said petition.

Mr. Whilddin, on behalf of the said petitioners, presented a bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the stowing of boats in the public road at Cape-Island, in the lower precinct in the county of Cape-May;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, February 10, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal two certain acts therein mentioned," and having gone through the same by sections,

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Dayton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the management of certain meadows on Burlington creek," was read a second time, and ordered to be read by paragraphs.

The said bill being read by paragraphs, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the management of certain meadows on Burlington Creek;" which was debated and amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships," with sundry petitions for and against the said bill and division, was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act authorizing the stowing of boats in the public road at Cape-Island, in the lower precinct in the county of Cape-May," was read a second time, debated and amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 11, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

A petition from the proprietors of Cape-Island, in the county of Cape-May, praying that no law may pass for erecting a public landing on said island, without giving them an opportunity to be heard either by themselves or counsel, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the management of certain meadows on Burlington creek," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, February 12, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Debow, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of a tract of marsh and meadow, lying in the fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the county of Salem, to uphold and maintain the bank, sluices and water-works, and more effectually to improve the same," was passed by that house without amendment.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 13, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after considerable time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, February 15, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE VICE-PRESIDENT,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for dividing the township of Windsor, in the county of Middlesex, into two separate townships," and after some time spent therein, was referred until the next sitting of the legislature.

Mr. Frazer, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence the four following bills, viz.

A bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the North Branch of Rancocus Creek;" a bill, intituled, "An act to authorize Joseph Shinn, administrator of the estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, to complete a contract made by the said Allen, in his life time, with Daniel Joyce;" a bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinsack," and a bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows therein mentioned to repair, keep up and maintain the banks, dams and water-works inclosing the same, and for other purposes;" which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading respectively.

Mr. Frazer also acquainted this house, that the bill, intituled, "An act to provide for the management of certain meadows on Burlington Creek," was passed by the House of Assembly without amendment.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, February 16, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, and Mr. Black.

A petition from Joshua Thompson, and a petition from Richard Smith, both of the county of Salem, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that no law may pass for straightening of Alloways-Creek in said county; which were respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes." and after progress made therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The petition from Joshua Thompson, and the petition from Richard Smith, praying that no law may pass for straightening of Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem, were read a second time, and postponed.

Pursuant to leave given last sitting of the Legislature, Mr. Sinnickson presented a bill, intitled, "An act for improving the navigation of Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The petition from the proprietors of Cape-Island, in the county of Cape-May, was read a second time, and postponed.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act to authorize the flowing of boats in the public road at Cape-Island, in the lower precinct of the county of Cape-May, was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Linn reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, February 17, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Linn, on behalf of the petitioners and legatees interested under the will of Samuel Brown, deceased, pursuant to leave heretofore given, presented a bill, intitled, "An act for appointing trustees to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, deceased," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. French, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "An act concerning the College of New-Jersey," which was read, and ordered a second reading to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The bill, intitled, "An act to authorize Joseph Shinn, administrator of the estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, to complete a contract made by the said Allen in his life time with Daniel Joyce," was read a second time and debated;

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Black,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer.

Ordered, That Mr. Black do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Haring, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the banks, dams and water-works inclosing the same, and for other purposes," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 18, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the banks, dams and water-works inclosing the same, and for other purposes," and having gone through the same by paragraphs, it was ordered a third reading.

His Excellency the Governor came into Council.

Mr. Black reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the College of New-Jersey," was read a second time, and, after reading a petition and hearing a committee from the trustees of said college in support of the said bill, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the trustees of the town of Woodbridge to finish and complete their academy by lottery," was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, February 19, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning the College of New-Jersey," and having gone through the same by paragraphs and debated, was ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadows therein mentioned to repair, keep up and maintain the banks, dams and water-works inclosing the same, and for other purposes," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the College of New-Jersey," was read a third time,

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Whilldin,	
Mr. Elmer.	

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Whilldin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some considerable time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Hedden, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state."

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to enable the trustees of the academy in the town of Woodbridge to complete the said academy by lottery," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Linn,

Yeas.
Mr. Lawrence, *v. p.*
Mr. Black,
Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Beardlee.

Nays.
Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Elmer.

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 20, 1796.

The house met—Present as before (except the Governor.)

Mr. Whilldin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Hough, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act respecting coroners."

Mr. Hough also brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant of half-pay in favour of Lydia Whitlock.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The Governor came into Council.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after spending a considerable time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, February 22, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.
Mr. Sinnickson,	

The bill, intitled, "An act respecting coroners," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The warrant of half-pay in favour of Lydia Whitlock, was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Lambert reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of the 19th instant.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Manning, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester, and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to re-build and keep in repair the upper bridge over Great-Timber Creek," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, February 23, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The bill, intitled, "An act for improving the navigation of Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem," was read a second time, debated and amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The Vice-President came into Council.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, February 24, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, except the Governor.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and, after having gone through the same by paragraphs, being debated and amended, was ordered a third reading with the amendments.

The said bill was read a third time, with the amendments ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass, with the amendments ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Condit,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer.	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Black,		Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill, with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said bill, with the amendments, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

A petition from Clayton Newbold, acting executor of William Pidgeon, deceased, praying a law may pass, authorising the present sheriff of Monmouth to sell the estate of Israel Pennington, heretofore levied on by a former sheriff, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for improving the navigation of Alloways-Creek, in the county of Salem," was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Elmer.	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Black,		Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, intituled, "An act for appointing trustees to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, deceased," was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

The warrant of half-pay in favour of Lydia Whitlock, in lieu of another heretofore granted, was read a second time, and the consideration thereof postponed.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to constitute and appoint trustees of the last will and codicil of Abraham Hewlings, senior, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, in the room and stead of the trustees therein named," (being referred from the last sitting until this) was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, February 25, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to constitute and appoint trustees of the last will and codicil of Abraham Hewlings, senior, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, in the room and stead of the trustees therein named," and, after having gone through the same by paragraphs, was ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the warrant of half-pay in favour of Lydia Whitlock, in lieu of another heretofore granted to her, on which there was no room for further receipts, and, after some time spent therein,

Resolved, That this house do concur in the said warrant.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this house have concurred in the said warrant.

The petition from Cornelius Banta, of Bergen county, praying relief for a certain certificate which had been mislaid in the year 1782, and lately found, with an affidavit concerning the same, was read a second time, and postponed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the North Branch of Rancocus Creek," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, February 26, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of the 24th instant.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The engrossed bill, intituled, "An act for appointing trustees to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, deceased, was read and compared ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do carry the said bill to the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence therein.

The bill, intituled, "An act to constitute and appoint trustees of the last will and codicil of Abraham Hewlings, senior, late of the county of Burlington, deceased, in the room and stead of the trustees therein named," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the act, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company to improve the navigation of the North Branch of Rancocus Creek," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to re-build and keep in repair the upper bridge over Great-Timber Creek," was read a second time (with a petition and sundry vouchers respecting the same) and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of this day.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 27, 1796.

The house met—Present as before.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the inhabitants of the townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the county of Gloucester, to re-build and keep in repair the upper bridge over Great-Timber Creek," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the payment of part of the principal and interest of the state debt," and, after having gone through the same by paragraphs,

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading ? It was carried in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Ordered also, That Mr. Linn do carry to the House of Assembly the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the state be directed to receive from every person who may produce the same, all contractors or surplus certificates, with such vouchers as may be offered in support of their respective claims, at any time before the first day of March next ; and also, that the said treasurer, together with the auditor, be, and they are hereby directed to examine the said vouchers, and such checks as have been provided by law to guard against fraud and imposition, and make report thereof on each certificate so received as soon as may be to the legislature, in order that such provision may be made for their allowance and settlement as will be most likely to do justice to the holders and secure the interest of this state—and request their concurrence therein.

Mr. Linn reported, that he had obeyed the respective orders of the house of this day.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, “An act concerning the cavalry and artillery,” and, after some time spent therein, was committed to Messrs. Sinnickson and Elmer.

The house adjourned until ten o’clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, February 29, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee,
Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Black.

Mr. Morgan, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that the resolution of this house of Saturday last, was concurred in by the House of Assembly.

The house adjourned until three o’clock P. M.

The house met.

The house adjourned until ten o’clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, March 1, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, and Mr. Elmer.

Mr. Peck, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, “An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth,

which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed ;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Cullough, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, " A further supplement to the act, intitled, " An act for regulating roads and bridges ;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. M'Cullough also acquainted this house, that the bill, intitled, " An act to authorize the stowing of boats in the public road at Cape-Island, in the lower precinct of the county of Cape-May," was passed by the House of Assembly without amendment.

Mr. M'Cullough further acquainted this house, that the bill, intitled, " An act to enable the trustees of the academy in the town of Woodbridge to complete the said academy by lottery," was rejected by the House of Assembly.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met,

The vice-president came into Council.

Messrs. Sinnickson and Elmer, to whom the bill, intitled, " An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," was committed, reported the same with sundry amendments ; which were read, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration of the said bill and amendments were postponed.

The house adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, March 2, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, except the Governor.

A petition from sundry military officers of the county of Sussex, praying a supplement to the militia act, altering the time of making returns of delinquents for militia fines ; and a petition from the justices and chosen freeholders of the said county, praying, for reasons therein set forth, relief in the premises aforesaid ; which were respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, " An act respecting coroners," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, " An act respecting coroners," and, having gone through the same by paragraphs, was debated and amended, and ordered a third reading with the amendments.

Mr. Sharps, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence the two following bills, viz.

A bill, intitled, " An act for granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named ;" and a bill, intitled, " A supplement to an act, intitled, " An act to incorporate the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, in the

county of Middlesex, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;" also a warrant in favour of Mary Cade, given to her in lieu of one heretofore granted, and which is full of indorsements ; which bills and warrant were respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

A petition from sundry of the inhabitants of the city of Trenton, praying that a supplement may be passed to the act of incorporation of said city, was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 3, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, except Mr. Black.

Mr. Seely, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of the administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased ;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed until Tuesday next.

A petition from Henry Van Mater, John Wardel and Chryonce Van Mater, in behalf of themselves and others, praying that they may be heard by their counsel at the bar of this house, in objection to the passing of the aforesaid bill, was read ; whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petitioners, and others concerned, may be heard by their counsel, at the bar of this house, on Tuesday next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

The warrant in favour of Mary Cade, given to her in lieu of one heretofore granted, was read a second time ; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house do concur in the said warrant.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this house have concurred in the said warrant.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intitled, "An act for granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The petition from sundry of the inhabitants of the city of Trenton, praying that a supplement may be passed to the act of incorporation of said city, was read a second time, and dismissed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "A supplement to an act, intitled, "An act to incorporate the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, March 4, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, and Mr. Linn.

The bill, intitled, “An act for the relief of the administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased,” was read a second time, and, after having spent some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The House resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, “A supplement to an act, intitled, “An act to incorporate the North Ward of Perth-Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and, after having gone through the same by paragraphs,

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yea.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Martin.	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Lambert,
	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,
	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Elmer,
	Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That Mr. Whilldin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Whilldin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, “An act for granting a further sum of money to the commissioners therein named,” and, after having gone through the same by paragraphs,

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Sinnickson.	Mr. Elmer,
	Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Lambert reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

Mr. Linn, having given his reason for non-attendance of this house for a few days last past, being through indisposition of body,

Resolved, That his reason is perfectly satisfactory.

The petition from Clayton Newbold, acting executor of William Pidgeon, deceased, praying a law may be passed, authorizing the present sheriff of Monmouth to sell the estate of Israel Pennington, heretofore levied on by a former sheriff, was read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Elmer and Black.

The bill, intitled, “An act respecting coroners,” was read a third time, with the amendments,

On the question, Whether the same do pass, with the amendments? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill, with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said bill with the amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house, with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The bill, intitled, "An additional supplement to the act, intitled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," with the petition from the military officers of the county of Suffex; and the petition from the justices and chosen freeholders of the said county, were read a second time, and committed to Messrs. Elmer, Cook and Linn.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act giving relief to creditors where prisoners for debt escape or die," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, March 5, 1796.

The house met—Present as before, and the Governor.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

Mr. Mayhew, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the two following bills, viz.

A bill, intitled, "An act in relation to testimony in prosecutions for public monies," and a bill, intitled, "A supplementary act to the several acts relative to elections in this state;" which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning the cavalry and Artillery," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "A further supplement to the act, intitled, "An act for regulating roads and bridges," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The bill, intitled, "A supplementary act to the several acts relative to elections in this state," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, March 7, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,
Mr. Condit,

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Lawrence, v. p.

Mr. Linn,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Whilldin,

Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Beardlee.

The bill, intitled, "An act in relation to testimony in prosecutions for public money," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Somers, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the four following bills, viz.

A bill, intitled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes;" a bill, intitled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several counties of this state;" a bill, intitled, "An act for the gradual reduction of the state debt," and a bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors."

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "A supplementary act to the several acts relative to elections in this state," and having gone through the same, was ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," and having gone through the same, being debated and amended, was ordered a third reading with the amendments.

Mr. Southard, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem."

Mr. Southard also acquainted this house, that the re-engrossed bill, intitled, "An act respecting coroners," was passed by the House of Assembly with the amendments made thereto by this house.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors;" the bill, intitled, "An act for the gradual reduction of the state debt;" the bill, intitled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several counties of this state," and the bill, intitled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," were severally and respectively read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, March 8, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, except the Governor.

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The bill, intitled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read, and ordered a second reading.

The re-engrossed bill, intitled, "An act respecting coroners," was read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill.

The Governor came into Council.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," was read a third time, with the amendments;

On the question, Whether the same do pass, with the amendments? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows.

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Whilldin,	Mr. Lambert.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Elmer,	
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Black,		

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill, with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Black do carry the said bill, with the amendments, to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Starke, from the House of Assembly, brought back to this house the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," with the amendments heretofore made thereto by this house, and a resolution in the words following:

"House of Assembly, March 8, 1796.

"Resolved,

THAT the house agree to all the amendments made to the said bill, except the amendment to the 19th and 20th sections, and in those respects, do adhere to their bill."

Pursuant to the order of the day, the house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after having spent some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Black reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after having spent some considerable time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, March 9, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after spending some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence the two following bills, viz.

A bill, intituled, "An act to revive and continue an act, intituled, "An act to amend an act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fisheries, and to prevent the obstruction of the navigation in the river Delaware," and a bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company for opening the navigation of the Assanpink Creek;" which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after spending some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 10, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The bill, intituled, "An act to revive and continue an act, intituled, "An act to amend an act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fisheries, and to prevent the obstruction of the navigation in the river Delaware," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after spending some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "A supplementary act to the several acts relative to elections in this state," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The Bill, intituled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read a second time, and the consideration thereof postponed.

Sundry petitions from the inhabitants of the townships of Shrewsbury, Middletown and Lower Freehold, in the county of Monmouth, praying that they may be enabled, by law, to keep their poor in one house, at the joint expence of the said townships; were read and laid on the table.

The bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company for opening the navigation of the Assanpink creek," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, March 11, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company for opening the navigation of the Assanpink creek," and, after spending some time therein, was amended and ordered a third reading with the amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the gradual reduction of the state debt," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to revive and continue an act, intituled, "An act to amend an act, intituled, "An act to regulate the fisheries, and to prevent the obstruction of the navigation in the river Delaware," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act for the better relief and employment of the poor of the county of Salem," and having gone through the same by paragraphs, was ordered a third reading.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the warrant of half-pay in favour of Elizabeth Collatta, late Tomlin, with sundry vouchers and affidavits respecting the same, and, after some time spent therein,

Resolved, That this house do concur in the said warrant.

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this house have concurred in the said warrant.

Mr. Stockton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the following resolution, viz.

"House of Assembly, March 10, 1796.

"Resolved,

THAT Maskell Ewing, clerk of this house, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, during the recess of the Legislature, the following books for the use of the Legislature, viz.

Two sets of Cunningham's Law Dictionary.

Two sets of Sheridan's Dictionary.

Two sets of Blackstone's Commentaries.

Two sets of Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws.

Two sets of Paley's Moral Philosophy.

Two sets of Vattel on the Law of Nations.

Two sets of Ferguson's Political and Moral Science.

Two sets of the constitution of each state in the union"—Which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Clayton Newbold, reported,

THAT, in their opinion, it would be dangerous to give a direct and special relief to the prayer of the petitioner without further evidence; but they are of opinion that a general act ought to pass, giving power to the courts of law to examine into and proceed in all like cases—Which report was read and approved.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and, after having spent some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

The house proceeded to reconsider the amendments to the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," which were disagreed to by the House of Assembly, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration of the said amendments was postponed.

Mr. Thompson, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the following resolution, viz.

"House of Assembly, March 11, 1796.

WHEREAS fundry officers and soldiers, who went on the late western expedition in the state of Pennsylvania, have, by their petition to the Legislature, stated claims in consequence of their services on said expedition; which claims appearing just upon the general government, and as it would be attended with a very considerable expense and loss of time for the claimants to apply individually to said government for allowance—To prevent which,

Resolved, That the said claims, and the vouchers in support of them, be committed to the care of the governor of this state, and he be authorized to apply

to the board of war, or any other way he may think proper, to obtain an allowance for the same; and also, for such others of a similar nature as may come to his hands"—Which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Van Cleve from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house, that the bill, intitled, "An act for appointing trustees to execute the purposes of the last will and testament of Samuel Brown, deceased," was passed by the House of Assembly without amendment.

Mr. Townsend, from the House of Assembly, brought to this for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, March 12, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act constituting courts for the trial of small causes," and, after some time spent therein,

On the question, Whether this house agree to the first section of the said bill? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Black.	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Beardlee.
	Mr. Whilldin,	

Mr. Morgan, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intitled, "A supplement to the several acts relative to elections in this state;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Ordered, That Messrs. Sinnickson, Linn, Condit, Whilldin and Cooper, with such other members as choose to attend, be a committee, to join a committee of the House of Assembly in a free conference on the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," and that Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and request them to appoint a committee to join the said committee for the purposes aforesaid, at four o'clock this afternoon, in the Assembly Room.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the gradual reduction of the state debt," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Linn,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Whilldin,

Yeas.
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook,

Yeas.
Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Beardlee.

Nays.
Mr. Black,
Mr. Sinnickson.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief and employment of the poor in the county of Salem," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said two bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Martin do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them, that the said bills are passed by this house without amendments.

Mr. Wade, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, the two following bills, viz.

A bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of the executors of David Wade, deceased," and

A bill, intitled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state;" which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, from the House of Assembly, acquainted this house that they had appointed Messrs. Dayton, Boyd, Inlay, Anderson, Frazer, Southard and Peck, with such other members of that house as choose to attend, a committee to join a committee of this house, appointed for the purpose of a free conference on the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes."

The bill, intitled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company for opening the navigation of the Assanpink creek," was read a third time, with the amendments ;

On the question, Whether the same do pass with the amendments ? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill with the amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do carry to the House of Assembly the said bill with the amendments, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock on Monday morning next.

Monday, March 14, 1796.

The house met—Present,

THE GOVERNOR,

Mr. Haring,
Mr. Condit,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Linn,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cooper,

Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Whilldin,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Beardlee.

The resolution of the House of Assembly respecting the purchase of sundry books for the use of the Legislature, was read a second time, whereupon,

Resolved, That this house concur therein.

Ordered, That Mr. Linn do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Martin reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of the 12th instant.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs," was read a second time, and, after some progress made therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

Mr. Whilldin, for sufficient reasons offered to Council, had leave of absence during the present sitting of the Legislature.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The vice-president came into Council.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs," and, after spending some time therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intitled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," and having gone through the same by paragraphs, was ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further re-consideration of the amendments to the bill, intitled, "An act for the punishment of crimes," which were disagreed to by the House of Assembly, and, after some time spent therein,

On the question, Whether this house will recede from their amendments to the 19th and 20th sections of the said bill? It was carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Black do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, March 15, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, except Mr. Whilldin.

Mr. Linn reported, that he had obeyed the orders of the house of the 12th instant and that of yesterday.

Mr. Black reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intitled, "A supplement to the several acts relative to elections in this state," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intitled, "An act for the relief of the executors of David Wade, deceased," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Wyckoff, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house the re-engrossed bill, intitled, "An act concerning the cavalry and artillery," and the

re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act to empower the governor of this state to incorporate a company for opening the navigation of the Assanpink Creek," and acquainted this house that the said bills were passed by the House of Assembly with the amendments made to the same by this house ; which re-engrossed bills having been read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bills.

Mr. Wyckoff also brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the draws of certain bridges in the county of Bergen being left open," which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to appoint trustees to sell the real estate of John Emley, late of Alexandria, in the county of Hunterdon, esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the monies thence arising, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and, after some time spent therein,

On the question, Whether the said bill shall have a third reading ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Black,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Cook,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Lambert.	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardlee.
	Mr. Sinnickson,	

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

Mr. Walton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a warrant in favour of Rebecca Dennis, for the amount of her late husband's half-pay, issued in lieu of one which is full of indorsements, which was read ; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house do concur in the said warrant.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Cooper do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this house have concurred in the said warrant.

Mr. Anderson, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence the two following bills, viz.

A bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to empower certain persons to purchase the claims of the Indians to certain lands in this colony," passed the twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty-eight, and the bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from the bridge at the village of Second River, through the Cedar Swamp, to the bridge over the Hackinsack river ;" which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Anderson also brought to this house for concurrence, the two following warrants, viz.

A warrant in favour of Sarah Dorum, late Githins ; and a warrant in favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late the widow of Samuel Roberts, for the amount of her late husband's half-pay ; which warrants were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several coun-

ties of this state," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Blackledge, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a direct road from the court-house in the county of Monmouth, to Mount-Holly in the county of Burlington;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

Mr. Cooper reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of this day.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to the several acts relative to elections in this state," was read a third time, and referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill, intituled, "An act providing for the restoration of certain records of the inferior court of common pleas in and for the county of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Linn,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Elmer,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Sinnickson.

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do wait on the House of Assembly and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the executors of David Wade, deceased," and the bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of the administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased," were severally read a third time;

On the question, Whether the said bills do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Sinnickson do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bills are passed by this house without amendment.

The warrant of half-pay in favour Sarah Dorum, and the warrant of half-pay in favour of Elizabeth Henderson, were respectively read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house disagree to the said warrants.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that this house have disagreed to the said warrants.

The resolution of the House of Assembly of the 11th instant, respecting the governor taking charge of sundry vouchers and claims of certain officers and soldiers who were out on the late western expedition, and to present the same to the board of war for allowance, or any other way the said governor may think proper, was read a second time; whereupon,

Resolved, That this house do concur in the said resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Lambert do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, March 16, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday.

Mr. Boyd, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of maimed and disabled officers, soldiers and seamen, and of the widows and children of such as fall in battle, or otherwise lose their lives in the military or naval service;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A supplement to an act, intituled, "An act to empower certain persons to purchase the claims of the Indians, to certain lands in this colony," passed the twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty-eight, was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Cooper, with leave of the house, presented a bill, intituled, "An act directing an uniform mode of election;" which was read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from the bridge at the village of Second River through the Cedar Swamp, to the bridge over the Hackinsack river," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a direct road from the court-house in the county of Monmouth, to Mount-Holly in the county of Burlington," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "A further supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for regulating roads and bridges," and having gone through the same, was ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act concerning sheriffs," which was debated and amended, and ordered a third reading with the amendments.

Mr. Clement, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence, a bill, intituled, "An act for taking charge of and leasing certain islands in the river Delaware;" which was read and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act to prevent the draws of certain bridges in the county of Bergen being left open," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Sinnickson reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intitled, "An act to prevent the draws of certain bridges in the county of Bergen being left open," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Lambert reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intitled, "An act to repeal an act, intitled, "An act for the relief and support of maimed and disabled officers, soldiers and seamen, and of the widows and children of such as fall in battle, or otherwise lose their lives in the military or naval service," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

The bill, intitled, "An act directing an uniform mode of election," was read a second time;

On the question, Whether the counties of Middlesex and Cumberland be struck out of the said bill? It was carried in the negative, as follows:

Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Elmer.	Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,
	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,
	Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.
	Mr. Cooper,	

The house having spent some time therein and gone through the said bill by paragraphs, it was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs," was read a third time, with the amendments;

On the question, Whether the same do pass with the amendments? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

The bill, intitled, "An act for appointing commissioners to lay out and open a direct road from the court-house in the county of Monmouth, to Mount-Holly in the county of Burlington," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

The bill, intitled, "An act to authorize the commissioners therein named to lay out a road from the bridge at the village of Second River, through the Cedar Swamp, to the bridge over the Hackinack river," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Black,	Mr. Sinnickson,

Yeas.
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook,

Yeas.
Mr. Elmer,
Mr. Beardlee.

Nay.
Mr. Haring.

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the three foregoing bills, with the amendments to the bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs."

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer do carry to the House of Assembly the bill, intitled, "An act concerning sheriffs," with the amendments, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments; and further acquaint them that the two foregoing bills are passed by this house without amendment.

The house withdrew to attend a joint-meeting; after some time spent there-in the house returned.

The house adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, March 17, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, except the Governor.

The bill, intitled, "A supplement to an act, intitled, "An act to empower certain persons to purchase the claims of the Indians to certain lands in this colony," passed the twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty-eight, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The engrossed bill, intitled, "An act directing a more uniform mode of election," was read and compared;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Elmer.
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Cook,	
Mr. Black,	Mr. Beardlee.	
Mr. Cooper,		

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do wait on the House of Assembly, and request their concurrence in the said bill.

The bill, intitled, "An act concerning the furrogates in the several counties of this state," was read a third time, with fundry amendments;

On the question, Whether the said bill with the amendments do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the said bill and amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook do carry the said bill and amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this house with the amendments, and request their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. Cook reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of this day.

The bill, intituled, "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the bridges over the rivers Passaick and Hackinack," was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Elmer reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act in relation to testimony in prosecutions for public monies," and having gone through the same, was ordered a third reading.

The bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cook,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Sinnickson.
Mr. Black,		

Ordered, That the vice-president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Beardlee do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act for taking charge of and leasing certain islands in the river Delaware," was read a second time, and, after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The house adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

The house met.

Mr. Beardlee reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of this day.

Mr. Dayton, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house for concurrence the three following bills, viz.

A bill, intituled, "An act for defraying sundry incidental charges ;" a bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages and ferries," passed February the twenty-fifth, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, and a bill, intituled, "An act directing where the venire shall be laid in personal or transitory actions"—Which bills were severally read, and ordered a second reading.

The bill, intituled, "A further supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for regulating roads and bridges," was read a third time ;

On the question, Whether the said bill do pass ? It was carried in the negative, as follows :

Yeas.
Mr. Condit,
Mr. Linn.

Nays.
Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Black,
Mr. Cooper,

Nays.
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook,
Mr. Beardlee.

Ordered, That Mr. Haring do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act to repeal an act, intituled, "An act for the relief and support of maimed and disabled officers, soldiers and seamen, and of the widows and children of such as fall in battle, or otherwise lose their lives in the military or naval service," and having gone through the same, being debated and amended, was ordered a third reading with the amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing where the venire shall be laid in personal or transitory actions," was read a second time, and the further consideration thereof postponed.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages and ferries," passed February the twenty-fifth, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

The house took into consideration sundry resolutions of the Legislature of the commonwealth of Virginia, addressed to the executive of this state, proposing amendments to the constitution of the United States which were ordered a second reading.

The abovesaid resolutions were read a second time, and, after some considerable time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

The house adjourned until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday, March 18, 1796.

The house met—Present as yesterday, and the Governor.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state," and having gone through the same by paragraphs, being debated and amended, was ordered a third reading with the amendments.

The bill, intituled, "An act in relation to testimony in prosecutions for public monies," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.
Mr. Haring,
Mr. Condit,
Mr. Martin,

Yeas.
Mr. Black,
Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Lambert,
Mr. Cook.

Nay.
Mr. Elmer.

Ordered, That the president do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An act directing the time and mode of electing representatives in the Congress of the United States for this state," was read a third time with the amendments;

On the question, Whether the said bill and amendments do pass? The votes were as follow:

Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Condit,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lawrence, <i>v. p.</i>
Mr. Linn,	Mr. Black,
Mr. Lambert,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Cook,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Beardlee.	Mr. Elmer.

There not being a sufficient number of members voting for the said bill and amendments, the same was lost.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is rejected by this house.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a second time, and ordered a third reading.

Mr. Frazer, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house the re-engrossed bill, intituled, "An act concerning the surrogates in the several counties of this state," and acquainted this house, that the said bill was passed by the House of Assembly with the amendments made thereto by Council, which re-engrossed bill was read and compared,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill, intituled, "An act directing where the venire shall be laid in personal or transitory actions," and, after some time spent therein, was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the order of the house of yesterday.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to an act, intituled, "An act for raising a revenue from certain stages and ferries," passed February the twenty-fifth, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

The bill, intituled, "An additional supplement to the act, intituled, "An act for organizing and training the militia of this state," was referred until the next sitting of the Legislature.

The bill, intituled, "An act for defraying fundry incidental charges," was read a third time;

On the question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the affirmative, *nem. con.*

Ordered, That the president do sign the said bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Condit do wait on the House of Assembly, and acquaint them that the said bill is passed by this house without amendment.

Mr. Mayhew, from the House of Assembly, brought to this house the two following re-engrossed bills, viz.

The bill, intituled, " An act concerning sheriffs," and the bill, intituled, " An act for the punishment of crimes," and acquainted this house, that the said bills were passed by the House of Assembly with the amendments made thereto by Council—Which re-engrossed bills having been read and compared,

Resolved, That the said bills do pass.

Ordered, That the president do sign the said two bills.

Mr. Condit reported, that he had obeyed the several orders of the house of this day.

The honorable Ebenezer Elmer, esquire, speaker of the House of Assembly, came into Council, and acquainted the president that the House of Assembly had gone through their business and adjourned *sine die* : Whereupon,

Council adjourned *sine die*.

TRUE COPY,

THOMAS ADAMS, CLERK.

